



PCA is a place where middle schoolers thrive

At PCA, we recognize that the middle years represent an exciting, yet vulnerable time of spiritual, academic, emotional, and social growth for our students. Our desire is to provide the scaffolded support and experiences to help them not just survive, but THRIVE throughout these years.

SIXTH GRADE - THE BRIDGE YEAR

At PCA, sixth grade is the “bridge year” between elementary and middle school. Sixth graders are still considered part of the elementary school, but they are beginning to participate in middle school activities. Sixth graders will eat in the secondary cafeteria with the seventh and eighth graders and will attend middle school chapel services. In addition, they are able to join middle school teams like robotics, soccer, basketball, track, and volleyball.

Our sixth grade teachers are intentional about teaching the organizational and study skills necessary for success in middle school. The sixth graders’ day is structured differently than any other grade at PCA. They start and end the day with their “own” teacher and class, but spend the rest of the day rotating between the sixth grade teachers for different academic subjects. This gives students the opportunity to practice changing classes, thinking through what materials they will need, and managing assignments from multiple teachers. The teachers are in daily communication with one another and are able to quickly support students who are struggling to learn these skills. Students complete sixth grade with the skills necessary for success in middle school.

6th Grade Highlights

- Participation in weekly middle school chapel
- Lunch in the secondary cafeteria
- Invitation to elementary family connection events
- Interdisciplinary curriculum
- Middle school sports teams: soccer, cross country, volleyball, track and field, basketball, softball, and baseball
- After-school Robotics team and STEM activities
- Overnight trip to West Michigan
- Emphasis on nonfiction reading and writing
- Coaching on organization and study skills when rotating between classes
- Optional school leadership experience as school safeties
- Highly qualified teachers (100% certified by the state of Michigan and ACSI)
- Highly qualified administrators (all PCA administrators have multiple years of experience and graduate degrees in Educational Leadership)

MIDDLE SCHOOL - GRADES 7 - 8

Seventh and eighth grade students enjoy the increased independence that comes with moving into the secondary wing, organizing their lockers, and traveling through a daily schedule of academic and enrichment courses. Read below to learn more!

What enrichment courses are available for middle school students?

Students will benefit from having a broad range of experiences in these grades as they find their gifts and interests. They will take assigned and chosen elective classes in fine arts, performing arts, technology, world languages, and physical education.

What is SOAR?

SOAR provides opportunities for every student to become intentional in their growth towards learning, leadership and service as faithful followers of Christ.

Do middle school students get to go on any trips?

Yes! We are glad to be able to provide special experiences for students of all ages! Our middle school enjoys a day of team building at Tree Runner Adventure Park. 7th graders look forward to visiting Cedar Point as part of a STEM unit. 8th grade students visit the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter in the spring with their Bible teachers. Visiting these museums with classmates and Bible teachers is a pivotal moment in students' faith walk as they experience their Bible knowledge in a new way. This is also an overnight trip, providing an opportunity to make memories as a class prior to moving up to high school.



Middle School Highlights

- Weekly chapel supported by classroom discussion in Spiritual Life Groups in SOAR
- Students will develop leadership skills by participating in a service project each semester through SOAR
- Middle schoolers have the privilege of three study hall days during SOAR
- Dedicated middle school hallway for core subjects
- Individualized instruction with a per class maximum of 22 students
- High school math and language credits available
- Social-Emotional support provided through a Christ-centered worldview
- Choice of electives
- Participation in academic events like Math Olympics and Creative Writing Festival
- Audition opportunity for the Spring Musical
- Middle school sports teams: soccer, cross country, volleyball, track and field, basketball, softball, and baseball
- Invitation to community connection events designed especially for middle school students
- After-school Robotics team
- Highly qualified teachers (100% certified by the state of Michigan and ACSI)

QUESTIONS?

Parents of students who are not yet enrolled may contact admissions@plymouthchristianl.org with any questions.

Parents of enrolled students may call 734-459-3505 and your call will be directed to the appropriate department.